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1. It is believed that the Soviets have started to fortify the areas north of Salla, /sic/, 5 or 10 km from the border. New observation towers have been observed and violent detonations are heard, not very frequently but about every second day.
2. Further north the sound of automobile motors are heard in the area behind Korvatunturi /sic/, and it is believed that the road now has been completed up to this point. It is, however, not possible to say whether the road is coming from the south or from the east.
3. As the road has been completed up to Puittsittunturi /sic/ for a long time now, and as sounds of construction work have been heard for several years from the deserted areas between Puittsittunturi and Korvatunturi, there is reason to believe that the road has been completed between Salla and Korvatunturi.
4. Patrols in the area south of Petsamo have also heard violent detonations, and it seems that something is going on in the deserted areas between Lutto and Jaurijoki /sic/.
5. Based on this it is therefore supposed that the Soviets now have completed the road between Salla and Petsamo.

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